

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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| ROBERT JOSEPH ATKINS,         | ) |                          |
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| Plaintiff,                    | ) |                          |
|                               | ) |                          |
| v.                            | ) | No.: 3:22-CV-155-TAV-JEM |
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| CPT. ARON TURNER,             | ) |                          |
| CPL. SHAWN HOCKER,            | ) |                          |
| SHERIFF TOM SPANGLER,         | ) |                          |
| LT REYDA HEATHR,              | ) |                          |
| DETECTIVE NEELY,              | ) |                          |
| REP. OFF. GRAYSON FRITZ,      | ) |                          |
| KNOX COUNTY,                  | ) |                          |
| KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, | ) |                          |
| STORM WILLIAMS, and           | ) |                          |
| MATTHEW WILLIAMS,             | ) |                          |
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| Defendants.                   | ) |                          |

**JUDGMENT ORDER**

For the reasons set forth in the memorandum opinion filed herewith:

1. Plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* [Doc. 6] is **GRANTED**;
2. Plaintiff is **ASSESSED** the civil filing fee of \$350.00;
3. The custodian of Plaintiff's inmate trust account is **DIRECTED** to submit the filing fee to the Clerk in the manner set forth in the accompanying memorandum opinion;
4. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to provide a copy of the memorandum opinion and this order to the custodian of inmate accounts at the institution where Plaintiff is now confined and the Court's financial deputy;
5. Even liberally construing the complaint in favor of Plaintiff, it fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted under § 1983;

6. Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for an order of protection [Doc. 5] is **DENIED as moot** and this action is **DISMISSED** pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2)(B) and 1915A;
7. Because the Court **CERTIFIED** in the memorandum opinion that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, should Plaintiff file a notice of appeal, he is **DENIED** leave to appeal *in forma pauperis*. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3); Fed. R. App. P. 24; and
8. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to **CLOSE** the case.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ Thomas A. Varlan  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

ENTERED AS A JUDGMENT

LeAnna R. Wilson  
CLERK OF COURT